



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Celebrate July Fourth Here

Something that is much needed is nearly here. A lighted athletic field in Mill City is fast taking shape. Those who play recreational softball were aware first of the good that could come from a lighted playing field. Among this group was Russell Kelly. He sparked the lighted field benefit fund campaign. Today Mill City is making plans to celebrate the dedication of its lighted playing field, July Fourth.

Much effort has been spent in crediting each person who has had a part in making a Mill City lighted field possible. As always, there will be hundreds who did do something or gave something in bringing one step nearer the time when the lights would go on Mill City's athletic field, but their names unfortunately will not be properly recorded in the ledger. Under the strain of fund raising campaigns many have worked, wondered, and hoped. Many have used high physical skills and technical know-how in getting and putting up the field lights. We echo the thanks of the community to you, the heralded and the unheralded!

These fine lights were born through the co-operation of this community. They must be used in a co-operative manner. The sincere hard work of the young people in the Mill City high school with their ticket sales, scrap metal drive, and paper drive in behalf of the lighted playing field is an encouraging sign of better things. The oldsters' round about kicked in enough from time to time so that all of us were "egged" on to further effort. This display of community spirit by youth is a far cry from the dope habits of "hopped-up" teen-agers in many big cities!

The idea that "from little acorns great oaks grow" is not far afield when applied to events such as a lighted athletic field built through civi-mindedness. Russell Kelly pushed for a lighted athletic field and the community fell in step. Kelly is again pushing. This time he wants a bang-up Fourth of July celebration and a lighted athletic field dedication all rolled into one. All signs point to a ring-tail-tooter of a Fourth of July right here on Mill City's own modern athletic field under the newly completed lighting system.

Civic leaders in communities much larger than Mill City are really surprised at its sporting a fancy new lighted athletic field. They want an answer to the question, "How was it done?" The answer is: There was a real need for the field. Civic-minded and on-their-toes-citizens thumped the tub and worked for a lighted athletic field. Mill City is throwing its hat in the air and shouting like Paul Bunyan for all the world to hear "Come one and all, July Fourth and help us break-in our new toy!"

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Close-up of a Korean Vet

This is a close-up of a Korean veteran, Donald S. Peterson, Hospitalman in the U. S. Navy Reserve, serving aboard the U. S. S. Consolation, hospital ship which has just completed a tour of duty off-shore Korea. He is the son of Donald C. Peterson, publisher of the Mill City Enterprise. This week "young" Don, his wife, Sophia, their daughter and son, Sophia Ann and Kenneth Lee, were guests in the Don Peterson home in Mill City.

"Young" Don is back in the United States on a 30-day leave from his ship which recently docked in the San Pedro, California, harbor with its cargo of patients. Don, a veteran of World War II with the 10th Armored Division in Europe, was re-called to service August 12, 1950; and began active duty at Pier 99 in Seattle, Washington. From there he was transferred to Bremerton Naval Hospital for 30 days training. September 4 he boarded a plane for Japan via Hawaii, Johnson Island, Kwajalein, Guam, and Haneda Airport, Japan. September 10, Don reported for duty aboard the U. S. S. Consolation, a hospital ship. After a few days stay in Yokosuka, Japan, the Consolation got underway for duty in connection with the Inchon landing, September 17.

First wounded aboard were U. S. Marines who had been given emergency treatment aboard LST's converted to hospital ships staffed by Navy surgical teams located in Inchon Harbor. Don's job then was with the embarkation and debarkation detail helping the medical officer, Captain Vitteo, assign the wounded to the correct wards. The U. S. S. Consolation has 17 wards equipped with 782 beds. The wards are divided into medical, surgical, orthopedic, neuro-psychiatric, contagious diseases, eye, ears, nose and throat, and officer wards. This ship carries a completely equipped dental section. While the ship lay at anchor in the Inchon Harbor for approximately one month, some 1000 to 1600 patients were given treatment aboard it. These patients included U. S. personnel, South Koreans, and North Korean—all received the same measure of treatment and medication.

In October the Consolation returned to Yokosuka and Yokohama, Japan, with its burden of patients. A brief, but impressive three-day stay was spent relaxing and souvenir hunting in Yokosuka, Japan. October 27, while enroute to Wonsan, Korea, the ship's Captain reversed the ship's course because two minesweepers had been sunk just ahead by mines in Wonsan Harbor, Korea. This ship by a mine would have been where it awaited further orders. The Consolation was the only full-fledged hospital ship in Korean waters at that time. The sinking of this ship in Korean waters at that time. The sinking of this ship by a mine would have been a great tragedy for the wounded.

Don's memory of this Pusan trek is sharpened by the fact that while enroute there an appendectomy, performed a year or so previously, created an emergency situation again for him. He spent two weeks as a patient aboard his own ship!

From Pusan the Consolation moved to Wonsan where some 2000 patients were given care. In December the ship moved to Hungnam, Korea, and more work and so on and on until it deposited its recent load on the coast of the United States in San Pedro, California.

Donald S. Peterson and his wife, Sophia, graduates of Washington College of Education, Bellingham, Washington, are even yet cataloging their thoughts and impression shared via correspondence during Don's 10 months of service in Korea.

When questioned regarding his ship, "Young" Don praised highly its equipment, but absolutely gave it a black mark when it came to good morale. According to him enlisted men were treated in a careless and abusive manner by their officers, and as a direct result the corpsmen were shamefully low in morale. Any feats of life-saving of the Korean wounded have been credited to officers entirely and the corpsmen ignored—all together false picture was thereby created in the public eye. Principle offender in lowering morale was the Captain of the U. S.

S. Consolation. Lax officer attention to the welfare of their corpsmen took the form of poor administration of work, recreation, and discipline.

Don made it clear that those fighting in Korea are not informed of the "why" they are fighting. Accepting the idea that they are a United Nations police action, then they feel that they should be returned to the United States after a reasonable term of service in Korea. Reservists believe they are being held too long in Korea, Don explained. Men in Korea only go about their tasks so long as it means a "ticket" home. Replacements for the battle weary reservists are needed badly. In the past no attempt by the military has been made to explain to the fighting men "why" they are "stuck" in Korea. Service personnel are equally divided in their thinking about MacArthur.

"All service men in Korea just want to come home immediately", Don stated pointedly. The sweetness of being home has fired anew Don's ambition for "State-side duty" and then release from the service entirely. Don remarked that this is a change in thought from that of the service men of World War II who felt they had a "job to do", and who demanded passage home only when the big push stopped and great sacrifices were no longer generally believed necessary. Don commented that, "A better mail system and more contacts with home will help the morale of those struggling in Korea".

GATES

By MRS. ALBERT MILLSAP

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lord have had with them their grandson, Gary, from Salem. He returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moses took her father to Bend. From there he continued by bus to Klamath Falls for a visit with another daughter. The Moses' attended the rodeo in Sisters on their return trip.

Mrs. Don Sullivan of Fort Lewis, Wash., (the former Betty Mitchell) is visiting with her sister Mrs. Gerald Garrison.

Bob Bonitz and Dell Wagoner spent the weekend fishing at Suttle Lake. Gates has added another bright-light a new neon sign for Pauline's cafe and fountain.

The Gates Women's club met on the lawn of Mrs. Norman Garrison, Thursday evening, June 21. Mrs. Hudson assisted Mrs. Garrison as hostess.

Everyone came dressed as a child. A fine would have resulted had they not done so. For the best costume a prize was given. There were several clever costumes. Mrs. Ed Kadine, dressed as a Negro girl, took first prize.

Clarke Lethine, Boy Scout executive of Albany, was present and presented the charter to the club for the coming year. The club sponsors the Scouts, and Mr. Barnhardt, is the chairman. D. H. Barnhardt is advisor. Committeemen are Floyd Volkel, Don Miley, Charles Tucker, Elmer Klatke, Ed Chance, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Wood.

It was decided that July Fourth there would be a community picnic at Moore's Grove. Everyone is welcome. Those coming should bring a filled basket. There will be a 50c admission charge per car to the grounds. Games of soft ball, horse shoes, races. Cards will be played. Coffee is being served by the club.

Those attending the meeting were Mesdames Glen Bothwell, Otto Slater, Joe Joaquin, Hudson, Floyd Volkel, Harold Wilson, Nelson, Bob Oliver, Norman Garrison, Gwen Shaer, C. D. Johnson, Roy Lord, Mildred Harrison, Olive Barnhardt, Zone Hearing, Don Miley, Gerald Garrison, Gordon Grimes, Laura Joaquin, Allura Chance, Ida Fleetwood, Velma Carey, Ed Kadine, Ruby Brisbin, Mrs. Finley, and Mrs. Kadine.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostesses.

Editor's Letter Box

To the Editor:
After viewing the obscene insult nailed to the telephone pole located by the bank the day after the school election, one can only conclude that it is much more difficult to be a good winner than a good loser.

MRS. ROBERT VENESS



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Cow That Can't "Run Dry"

Sandy Johnson showed me his Jersey cows last week. It was a warm day and they were all under the trees near a watering trough.

And darned if one cow wasn't pumping water into the trough! It's a fact—she'd raise the pump handle with her nose, and use her throat to push it down again.

"That's Mabel," Sandy explained as she moved away. "Sometimes they drink that trough dry, and she's learned how to fill it again. But she doesn't know her own strength—turns the place into a swamp if we don't watch her."

From where I sit, Mabel isn't the only one who sometimes doesn't know where to stop. For instance, people often carry personal opinions too far—like the person who wants everyone to accept his choice of political parties, or ball-players... or beverages. I prefer a glass of beer with my meals. I know that a lot of other people prefer milk. But nobody ought to insist on "herding" others around to his way of thinking.

Joe Marsh

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